

## KOMPASS – ANTIRA – NEWSLETTER No. 50 - JUNE 2016

**+++ 9. 6. in Berlin: demonstration against the migration policy of the EU +++ 10.-12. 06 in Leipzig: Welcome2Stay summit +++ 11. 6. in Paris: Transnational Social Strike Meeting +++ 24.-26. 06 at the Slovenian-Croatian border: Defencing Festival +++ More than 1000 further victims of the EU border regime in the central Mediterranean +++ Eviction of Idomeni +++ Actions by Roma for the right to stay in Berlin +++ Newspaper “Daily Resistance” +++ Hotel City Plaza in Athens +++ Review: Ende Gelände +++ Outlook into the summer calendar until July and August: Anti-Ra festival in Athens, Nobordercamp in Thessaloniki, No Stress Tour, Summerbustour Women in Exile, Camp against the deportation camp Bamberg +++**

Dear friends,

the EU border regime has claimed more than 1000 additional victims in the central Mediterranean within ten days. Shortly before that, the camp in Idomeni has been evicted. And over here, the next curtailments as well as labor-law related disciplining measures of the asylum law are disguised as a so called “law of integration”. None of these are exactly encouraging developments in the fight for a freedom of movement and equal social rights.



SEA Watch © EIKON Nord Kind

The crew of Sea Watch recently went through their worst days at sea, and hence decided to publish a photograph picturing a drowned baby in order to call attention to the cruel border regime. Also the people of WatchTheMed Alarm Phone had to be earwitnesses of yet another tragedy with presumably more than 400 dead: the “calculated and monitored dying

at sea”, as the project phrased it afterwards. And Moving Europe can't do much more at the moment than document the disastrous conditions in the Greek camps and making it a scandal.

Without them it would be even worse! This may be cold comfort, but still it is true: Without the civil rescue ships of Doctors Without Borders, SOS Mediterranee, Sea Watch and Sea Eye, and without the helpline of the Alarm Phone there would be countless further casualties in the Mediterranean. And even less publicity – which is even more important when the dominating media discourse frames the deaths in the Mediterranean as a mere natural disaster and keeps blaming the “ruthless traffickers” for it.

The Alarm Phone puts it straight: “We scream out, once more and over and over again. About the dead of the past 20 years, about the dead of yesterday. Nobody would have to die at sea if legal and secure access paths existed. The dying at sea is neither a nature catastrophe nor an accident. It is in fact the calculated product of a EU border and visa regime. The dying at sea is man-made and could be ended by tomorrow as

a dark chapter of history: by opening the borders and granting free access to ferries. The long summer of migration in the Balkans revealed it: open borders mean no more 'traffickers'. Only people being forced by Frontex and the like will choose the costly and dangerous trip. A world without borders is possible: Frontex as well as the 'traffickers' will then have disappeared. In this sense: Ferries not Frontex."



There is still hope: The persistent fight of the Roma people for a right to stay with current campaigns in Berlin. The squatted

Hotel City Plaza in Athens, self-organized by Refugees and supporters. The successful civil disobedience of "Ende Gelände" in the Lausitz. And the ongoing social strike against the new labor law in France. There are moments of resistance – of "Daily Resistance", as stated by the title of a new newspaper, organized by Refugees in Berlin – and there is living solidarity, which give hope and courage.

The next weeks offer two exciting transnational mobilizations within the anti racism movement – first the defencing festival at the Slovenian-croatian border end of June and second the no border camp in Thessaloniki in the middle of July (more below). This could be the beginning of more moments like the ones described above. At least they could help not to forget in these hard times that migrants and refugees struggled continuously and will do it in the future.

In this words: see you in Berlin, Leipzig, Paris, Ljubljana, Thessaloniki ... and a lot of energy and power to those who run the fights locally.

Yours Kompass-Team

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## DATES IN JUNE:

### 9 June in Berlin: It's enough! Demonstration against the EU migration policy

The situation is more inhuman than ever. In the last 10 days over 1000 migrants and refugees drowned in the Mediterranean Sea. These numbers were brought up by increasing deportations and more pressure from the EU especially on African governments to stop refugees and migrants as early as possible. And there is no exception, also cooperations with dictatorial regimes like Eritrea or Sudan are considered quite okay. The transnational network Afrique-Europe-Interact therefore calls for a double demonstration in Berlin.

11:30 am: Manifestation in front of the embassy of Niger (against the so-called migration information centre in Agadez in the North of Niger, which aims to control migrants and

refugees in the transit). Address: Machnower Str. 24, 14165 Berlin (S-Bahn stop Zehlendorf)  
1:30 pm: Manifestation in front of the embassy of Tunisia (against the contract of deportations between Germany and Tunisia). Address: Lindenallee 16, 14050 Berlin (U-Bahn stop Theodor-Heuss-Platz).  
4 pm: Demonstration from the Federal Ministry of the Interior (Address: Alt-Moabit 140, 10557 Berlin // close to main station) via the Federal Chancellery to European Commission at Brandenburg Gate with long final rally.

More Infos on [www.afrique-europe-interact.net](http://www.afrique-europe-interact.net)

## 10 to 12 June in Leipzig: Welcome2Stay-Summit

“The few months since the “summer of migration” already changed our society. The power of migration had overcome borders. Now the walls around fortress Europe are built up again, the death at the external borders continue. Racist violence and right-wing election success grow and grow. Simultaneously there are countless experiences of encounter, of solidarity and joint resistance.

Against this background we invite to a meeting of our movements, three days of exchange and discussion. We wish for people from many welcome initiatives, solidarity groups, self organized refugee groups, from anti racist and anti fascist groups and networks as well as people from organizations of the civil society to participate.

Appeal, programm and more: [www.welcome2stay](http://www.welcome2stay)



**WELCOME 2 STAY**

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ZUSAMMENKUNFT DER BEWEGUNGEN DES WILKKOMMENS, DER MIGRATION, DER SOLIDARITÄT UND DES ANTI-RASSISMUS  
SUMMIT OF THE WELCOME, MIGRATION, SOLIDARITY AND ANTI-RACIST MOVEMENTS  
RASSEMBLEMENT DES MOUVEMENTS DE BIENVENUE, DE LA MIGRATION, DE LA SOLIDARITÉ ET DE L'ANTI-RACISME  
لقاء حركة الترحيب والتضامن وحركة الهجرة

10.-12.6.2016 // LEIPZIG  
PAVILLON DER HOFFNUNG, ALTE MESSE, HALLE 14  
WELCOME2STAY.ORG

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## 11 June in Paris: Transnational Social Strike Meeting



“From France to Europe: Build up a transnational social Strike”, this is how the appeal for an asamblea on 11 June 12 am at the Place de République begins. Further on:

„Activists and trade unionists from the Transnational Social Strike Platform took part in the strikes and mobilizations of the last months in France, in the International Weekend of 7th and 8th of May and in the



#GlobalDebout on 15M. Starting from this, we want to deepen the communication on the many threads that connect France with lines of power and insubordination across Europe. We want to take the chance that Place de la République offers as a tool of convergence of the struggles and as a space where we can collectively imagine how to overcome our limits, habits, beliefs, institutionalized practices, the hierarchies inside and outside the workplaces in order to accumulate power.

Precarity has reached inside the factories, into schools, into public service. Precarity is also the condition of migrants from inside and outside the EU, risking their permit to stay if they lose their job, and of those who need to pay to the State an alleged debt of welcome with the price of exploitation. The increasing mobility of labor and the transnational organization of production make each space, city, country, workplace inhabited by transnational dynamics. However, while production, employers and anti-labour laws are organized cross-borders, our strategies are still developed around national dynamics.“

The whole appeal you can find here:

<http://www.transnational-strike.info/2016/05/29/von-frankreich-nach-europa-einen-transnationalen-sozialen-streik-aufbauen/>

More up to date information of the resistance against the new labour law in France you can find here: <http://www.labournet.de>

## **24.-26.6. at the Slovenian-Croatian border: Defencing Festival**

On the Croatian-Slovenian border, in Bistrica ob Sotli and Kumrovec

From the Second call: „Dear friends, dreamers, rebels, composers of worlds, cosmopolitan diplomats from below, poets of life, autonomous astronauts, shamans of all sorts, breachers of stupid laws and animators of consensus, dear comrades from antiracist, antifascist, migrant, refugee, feminist groups, collectives, networks ... all those that swarm and drill so that freedom of movement for everyone will prevail...



From the territory where ideas of international solidarity and struggle for freedom and equality are mocked and places with dignified history are marginalized and conserved just to be sold off, from the border region where differences upon which we communicate, change and diversify are portrayed as spectre to be hunted with nationalisms, hate, militarization...

From the territory on which the power of state and capital constructed razor blade fence against refugees and migrants all along rivers, forests and plains, the act that contributed to the closure of Balkan Route and to the criminal deal between EU and Turkey...

From the territory that nevertheless resists and where the flames of resistance continue to paint the shadows on the slopes of nearby hills spelling “life can not be fenced”

Provisional program and more on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/defencing/>

You can contact preparatory committee from Zagreb, Kumrovec, Bistrica ob Sotli, Ljubljana on: [d10.ljubljana@gmail.com](mailto:d10.ljubljana@gmail.com)

## CONCERNING THE SITUATION AT THE EXTERNAL BORDERS AN IN GERMANY

### Central Mediterranean

Within ten days there are more than 1,000 new victims of the EU border regime in the central Mediterranean – we mentioned it in the introduction and quoted an extract from a recent statement of the **WatchTheMed Alarm Phone**. The complete statement can be found in German and English at: [http://alarmphone.org/de/2016/05/27/stellungnahme-von-watchthemed-alarm-phone-zur-aktuellen-situation-im-mittelmeer-und-den-ereignissen-gestern/?post\\_type\\_release\\_type=post](http://alarmphone.org/de/2016/05/27/stellungnahme-von-watchthemed-alarm-phone-zur-aktuellen-situation-im-mittelmeer-und-den-ereignissen-gestern/?post_type_release_type=post)

In the annex to this text you will find excerpts from the log of the Alarm Phone, which document the endless efforts made to request rescues. Unfortunately until now very few media ask why the EU is obviously still and continuously going for deterrence by means of calculated death at sea. The EU Military, armed to their teeth with EUNAVFOR MED, watch the Libyan coast to fight human traffickers, but do not see the boat people calling for help? They keep a close eye on the civil rescue boats that are on their way to Sicily to drop off those who were rescued the day before, and nevertheless do not have troops on standby in the well-known death zones? The reproach of conscious failure to provide assistance resulting in death would seem rather euphemistic... Also see the links at **FFM** on this subject:

<http://ffm-online.org/2016/06/01/libyen-italien-mortalitaetsrate-steigt-unter-eunavfor-med-an-ai/>

<http://ffm-online.org/2016/06/01/italien-wird-ueber-abfahrt-von-boat-people-aus-aegypten-libyen-informiert/>

More reports with video's and interviews concerning the fatal days of the end of May can be found at **Sea Watch**: <http://sea-watch.org>

And concerning the story of the photos:

<http://www.taz.de/Freiwillige-Helfer-retten-Fluechtlinge/!5306813/>

### Greece: push backs to Turkey stopped...Idomeni evacuation and new camps, Hotel City Plaza in Athens

“On 31 May three positive decisions were published by the Asylum Committee on Lesbos: Turkey is not a safe third country, the Syrians who are concerned may not be pushed back...” Report by Pro Asyl

<https://www.proasyl.de/news/eu-tuerkei-deal-berufungsinstanz-stoppt-abschiebungen-in-die-tuerkei/>





As of November 2015, the project **Moving Europe** was almost permanently present at Idomeni and reported for several days on the evacuation of Idomeni:

<http://moving-europe.org/26-5-2016-day-three-of-the-idomeni-eviction/>

Further reports as to the catastrophic conditions in the camps that have been quickly set up around Thessaloniki on the website: <http://moving-europe.org/>

On the same subject **Medico International**:



<https://www.medico.de/lager-der-gebrochenen-versprechen-16448/>

On the website of [moving-europe.org](http://moving-europe.org/) there is also a new film clip worth seeing, made by Fish-In-Water-Films Berlin: Moving People  
See also <https://vimeo.com/166880318>

A recent article by the w2eu-Infomobile is elaborately talking about the situation in the squatted Hotel City Plaza in Athens:

<http://infomobile.w2eu.net/2016/05/29/city-plaza-hotel-athens-greece/#more-3849>

## Roma Actions concerning the Right of Residence in Berlin



Etwa In the afternoon of 22 May 2016, approximately 50 Roma, including families with small children, occupied the Berlin Memorial for the Roma and Sinti murdered in the Nazi era, in order to protest against their impending deportation. Local activists and initiatives such as "allebleiben" supported the families.

"Because Germany wants to send us back and we have no other choice, we occupied on 22.05.2016 the 'Memorial for the Roma and Sinti murdered in the Nazi Era' – the site that should remind people of our deported and murdered grandparents. The

politicians should be ashamed. Already shortly after midnight our protest was cleared out violently, our children were beaten and threatened at this site. Neither we nor our children deserve this. We fear that our grandchildren will also experience violence, exclusion and racism. We will not allow this to happen! That is why we will return to this site on Friday 03.06.2016. It is the right way to make people aware of our situation. It is the right place! We chose this site out of respect for, and in honour of, our ancestors who were



murdered in the Nazi era. When will Germany finally respect us Sinti and Roma as human beings? We Roma do not have a country and no country owes us anything. But we do have the right to lead a dignified life. Germany owes it to us! We claim our right in Germany! We demand a revision of the tightening of the asylum law, an unconditional right of residence in Germany and participation in society. The historic promise to integrate Sinti and Roma, must finally become reality, more than 70 years after the murder of half a million, almost 91 percent, members of our minority...”

More information at: <http://www.alle-bleiben.info/category/news/>

Photo documentation by Umbruch Bildarchiv:

[http://www.umbruch-bildarchiv.de/bildarchiv/ereignis/220516roma\\_besetzen\\_denkmal.html](http://www.umbruch-bildarchiv.de/bildarchiv/ereignis/220516roma_besetzen_denkmal.html)

## **New Paper "Daily Resistance"**

<http://dailyresistance.oplatz.net/>

„The first issue of the newspaper ›Daily Resistance‹ is now out!

It is a newspaper published and written by people, so-called refugees, who don't accept their disfranchisement by the German state. They write about their fight and share their opinions to reach out to people who are in the same situation. ...

Read the Newspaper-PDF here:

<https://asylstrikeberlin.files.wordpress.com/2016/03/daily-resistance-feb16-web-version.pdf>

## **REVIEW**

## **Ende Gelände in Lausitz - We are unstoppable**

“The last days can only be described with one word: WOW! More than 3500 people during the actions, even more people inside the camp, one of the biggest international protests within the republic of Germany since Heiligendamm, with up to six parallel blockades.

Together with activists coming from many countries we stopped the strip mining, interrupted nearly all of the transport routes of the coal and forced Vattenfall to take its lignite-fired power plant Schwarze Pumpe almost completely off the network.

This weekend was a capitulation of the fossil fuel power economy to the climate movement. We showed that we can be unstoppable if we are prepared and act together in a strong-willed manner.





More about inclusive pictures and movies:  
<https://www.ende-gelaende.org>

## OUTLOOK FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2016

### 1. to 3. July: Anti-racist Festival in Athens

In the beginning of July the 19th anti-racist Festival, which has for many years been a gathering of thousands of people, will be held.



### 15. to 24. July – Nobordercamp Thessaloniki

Preparations are in full swing, many working groups have been formed to prepare that camp at a university. Between 2000 and 3000 people from many countries are expected.

More information: <http://noborder2016.espivblogs.net/>

### Mid-July to Mid-September – No-Stress-Tour

During this period, the No-Stress-Tour will make stops in front of six to eight refugee camps in Berlin and Brandenburg.

This project has been started from CISPAM Allemagne (Coalitions Internationale des Sans Papiers Migrant-e-s et Réfugiés). Its aim is to bring together refugees, neighbours, supporters and activists through sports, music, theatre and workshops and also to support self-organization from refugees.

Information: <https://cispamberlin.wordpress.com/2016/02/24/no-stress-tour-2016-first-edition/>

### 25. July to 14. August: Summer Bus-Tour from Women in Exile

Prepared are more than 15 situations, from Nürnberg to Berlin, more information:

<https://www.women-in-exile.net>



#### **4. to 7. August – Solidarity4all – Camp against the deportation camp in Bamberg**

Since last autumn there are existing in Bayern – in Bamberg and Manching – special camps in which especially people from so-called Safe Countries of Origin are accommodated in isolation, in order to pass a shortened asylum procedure to a quick deportation. In the beginning of August we want to protest by means of a protest camp against the massive tightenings of the asylum law, against special camps and deportations. If you want to get active in that one, send a mail to:

[solidarity4all@antira.info](mailto:solidarity4all@antira.info)

### **CALENDER - OVERVIEW FOR JULY/AUGUST 2016**

1. to 3. Juli: Anti-racist Festival in Athen

15. to 24. Juli: Noborder Camp Thessaloniki

<http://noborder2016.espivblogs.net/>

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